Treating of effluents by newsprint plants

224. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) how many newsprint plants in India are treating effluents conforming to the standards laid down by the Indian Standards Institution in the country;

(b) what action is being taken against those who are not conforming to the aforesaid standards;

(c) what will be the cost escalation per ton of newsprint if the newsprint units adopt the norms prescribed by the ISI and whether Government have received any representation from these units for relaxation in the [illegible] in view of the cost involved in the treatment of effluents; and

(d) if so, whether Government are contemplating to relax these norms and if not, what stringent measures Government propose to take against the erring units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) Of the four existing News-print Plants in the country three are treating their effluents conforming to the standards laid down by the Indian Standards Institution. The State Pollution Control Board has asked the fourth unit for providing adequate treatment facilities;

(c) The information on escalation of the cost is not available with the Government. The Government have not received any representation from these units for relaxation of ISI standards.

(d) Does not arise.

Pilgrimage to Sri Kattasraj in Pakistan

225. SHRI J. P. GOYAL:
SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan did not agree to our Government's proposal to organise a pilgrimage to Sri Kattasraj during the month of May, 1987;

(b) whether it is also a fact that on an earlier occasion also Pakistan had set aside a similar proposal made by the Government of India whereas Pakistani pilgrims are allowed to visit holy places in this country; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) The Kattasraj pilgrimage could not take place on the dates originally proposed by us in 1986 and in May, 1987 as these were not convenient to the Government of Pakistan. In order to obviate the possibility of postponment in the Kattasraj pilgrimage in future, Government, as in the case of other pilgrimages, is trying to fix a specific occasion for the pilgrimage from the next year.

राजभाषा के रूप में हिन्दी

226. **श्री पशुपति नाथ मुकुल :** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) स्वतंत्र भारत में हिन्दी को वास्तविक रूप में राजभाषा बनने में कितना समय और लगेगा ; और

(ख) किसी एक राज्य विशेष के भाषागत विद्वेष के कारण अधिकांश भारतीयों की कब तक सरकारी कामकाज में अंग्रेजी भाषा की बजाये हिन्दी में काम करने की उनकी इच्छा से वंचित रखा जाएगा ?